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and Method for Acquiring  
Variable Sized Objects

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION; RESPONSE TO OFFICE  
ACTION OF MAY 13, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination. This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of May 13, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.